by her owne.

Falst. What is the grosse summe that I owe thee?

Host. Mary if thou wert an honest man thy selfe and the mony too: thou didst sweare to me vpon a parcell guilt goblet, sitting in my dolphin chamber, at the round table by a sea cole fire, vpon wednesday in Wheeson weeke, when the prince broke thy head, for liking his father to a singing man of Windsor, thou didst sweare to me thē, as I was washing thy wound, to marry me, and make me my lady thy wife, canst thou deny it, did not goodwife Keech the butchers wife come in then and cal me gossip Quickly, comming in to borow a messe of vinegar, telling vs she had a good dish of prawnes, whereby thou didst desire to eate some, whereby I told thee they were ill for a greene wound, and didst thou not, when she was gone down stayers, desire me, to be no more so familiarity, with such poore people, saying that ere long they should cal me madam, and didst thou not kisse me, and bid me fetch thee thirtie shillings, I put thee now to thy booke oath, denie it if thou canst.

Falst. My lord this is a poore mad soule, and she saies vp and downe the towne, that her eldest sonne is like you, she hath bin in good case, and the trueth is pouerty hath distracted her, but for these foolish officers, I beseech you I may haue redresse against them.

Lo. Sir Iohn, sir Iohn, I am wel acquainted with your maner of wrenching the true cause, the false way: it is not a confident brow, nor the throng of words that come with such more then impudent sawcines from you, can thrust me from a leuel consideration: you haue as it appeares to me practised vpon the easie yeelding spirite of this woman, and made her serue your vses both in purse and in person.

Host. Yea in truth my Lord.

Lo. Pray thee peace, pay her the debt you owe her, and vnpay the villany you haue done with her, the one you may dos with sterling mony, and the other with currant repentance.

Falst. My Lord I will not vndergoe this snepe without reply, you cal honorable boldnes impudent sawcinesse, if a man wil

wil make curtsie and say nothing, he is vertuous, no my Lord my humble duty remembred, I will not bee your suter, I say to you I do desire deliuerance from these officers, being vpon hasty imployment in the Kings affayres.

Lord You speake as hauing power to do wrong, but answer in th'effect of your reputation, and satisfie the poore woman.

Falst. Come hither hostesse.

Lord Now master Gower, what newes. *enter a messenger.*

Gower The King my Lord, and Harry prince of Wales, Are neare at hand, the rest the paper tells.

Falst. As I am a gentleman!

Host. Faith you said so before.

Falst. As I am a gentleman, come, no more words of it.

Host. By this heaunly ground I tread on, I must be faine to pawne both my plate, & the tapestry of my dining chambers.

Falst. Glasses glasses is the onely drinking, and for thy wals a pretty sleight drollery, or the storie of the prodigal, or the Iarman hunting in waterworke, is worth a thousand of these bed-hangers, and these flie bitten tapestrie, let it be x. l. if thou canst: come, and twere not for thy humors, theres not a better wench in England, goe wash thy face and draw the action, come thou must not be in this humor with me, dost not know me, come, come, I know thou wast set on to this.

Host. Pray thee sir Iohn let it be but twentie nobles, i faith I am loath to pawne my plate so God saue me law.

Falst. Let it alone, ile make other shift, youle be a foole stil.

Host. Well, you shall haue it, though I pawne my gowne, I hope youle come to supper, youle pay me al together.

Falst. Wil I liue? goe with her, with her, hooke on, hooke on. *exit hostesse and sergeant.*

Host. Will you haue Doll Tere-sheet meete you at supper.

Falst. No more words, lets haue her.

Lord I haue heard better newes.

Falst. Whats the newes my lord?

Lord Where lay the King to night?